

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 2, 5, 6 and 22, as follows, with a marked-up copy of the amended claims being included in the Appendix attached to this reply:

2. In combination, a water draining device and a paper machine;

 said water draining device comprising a receiving tank, said receiving tank including a first chamber under ambient pressure and capable of receiving and collecting arriving water under ambient pressure, and a second chamber connected to said first chamber, said second chamber being connectable to a vacuum source so that said second chamber can be placed under vacuum for aspirating water collecting in the first chamber into said second chamber, and said second chamber including at least one drain from which water can be drained from said second chamber;

 said paper machine having a machine width; and

 said draining device extending at least substantially over the machine width.

5. (Amended) The combination according to claim 4 including apertures distributed over

the machine width, said apertures connecting said first chamber and said second chamber.

6. (Amended) The combination according to claim 2 including apertures distributed over the machine width, said apertures connecting said first chamber and said second chamber.

22. (Amended) A method of draining water from a press arrangement serving to dewater

a pulp web which includes at least one elongated press nip in a direction of web travel, comprising: